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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

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Annotations**1. Election of the Bureau**

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2012 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President for 2012 should be the representative of a member of the Eastern European States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 10 January 2012 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as-available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013 (E/2012/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is also drawn to paragraph 155 (b) of General Assembly resolution 60/1, in which the Assembly mandated the Council to hold a biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

The Council's attention is also drawn to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly requested the Council to hold the Development Cooperation Forum in New York, starting in 2008, to review trends and progress in international development cooperation.

In its decision 2011/208, the Council decided that the theme of the annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012 would be "Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

The Council's attention is further drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, *inter alia*, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 64/193, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the need for a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental inclusive process to carry out the financing for development follow-up and to review progress in the implementation of commitments, identify

obstacles, challenges and emerging issues and propose concrete recommendations and actions; and endorsed, in that regard, the recommendations of the Council as contained in its resolution 2009/30.

In its resolution 2011/38, the Council stressed the need to further improve the dialogue between Member States and representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development during the special high-level meeting of the Council; requested the President of the Council to seek a more interactive, dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework; welcomed the efforts undertaken to give more prominence to the consideration of the agenda item on financing for development during the annual substantive session of the Council, including the allocation of the item to its coordination segment; and stressed its resolve to continue improving those modalities in accordance with its resolutions 2009/30 and 2010/26.

Pursuant to Council resolutions 2009/30, 2010/26 and 2011/38, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council and between the Bureau of the Council and appropriate representatives of the governing bodies of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development regarding the proposed dates (13-14 March 2012), substantive focus and format of the special high-level meeting of the Council with those institutions. The Council may also wish to consider, in the context of the preparations for its substantive session for 2012, the modalities of its consideration of the agenda item on financing for development, as appropriate.

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2012 would be devoted to the theme of the 2011 ministerial declaration on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education.

In its decision 2011/215, the Council decided to defer its consideration of the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session to a session in 2012.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, in which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2012.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

In its decision 2011/251, the Council approved the provisional agenda and dates for the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the dates for the tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names. The secretariat is proposing a change in the meeting dates of both bodies in order to allow for the scheduling of the meeting of the Committee

of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, established by the Council in its resolution 2011/24.

In its decision 2011/279, the Council also decided to further defer its consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions (E/2011/22) until the 2012 substantive session of the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013 (E/2012/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2012 (E/2012/2/Add.1)¹

¹ To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2012

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	2012
Australia	2013
Bahamas	2012
Bangladesh	2012
Belarus	2014
Brazil	2014
Bulgaria	2013
Burkina Faso	2014
Cameroon	2013
Canada	2012
Chile	2012
China	2013
Comoros	2012
Cuba	2014
Dominican Republic	2014
Ecuador	2013
Egypt	2012
El Salvador	2014
Ethiopia	2014
Finland	2013
France	2014
Gabon	2013
Germany	2014
Ghana	2012
India	2014
Indonesia	2014
Iraq	2012

Ireland	2014
Italy	2012
Japan	2014
Latvia	2013
Lesotho	2014
Libya	2014
Malawi	2013
Mexico	2013
Mongolia	2012
Netherlands	2012
Nicaragua	2013
Nigeria	2014
Pakistan	2013
Philippines	2012
Qatar	2013
Republic of Korea	2013
Russian Federation	2013
Rwanda	2012
Senegal	2013
Slovakia	2012
Spain	2014
Switzerland	2013
Turkey	2014
Ukraine	2012
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2013
United States of America	2012
Zambia	2012